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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2004 from the Patent and Trademark Office.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asked that we circle the changes in Figures 4 and 5 which were submitted with the Letter to the Official Draftsperson mailed December 29, 2003.

Accordingly we have attached hereto a copy of Figures 4 and 5 with the numeral 62 surrounded. These are the only changes that are made to the drawings.

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The previous formal drawings were submitted with the Letter to the Official Draftsperson dated December 29, 2003, and therefore Applicant has already complied with the Examiner's requirements.

Please enter the drawings submitted with the Letter to the Official Draftsperson mailed December 29, 2003.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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